

# Homegrown Minneapolis – September 2014

## News, Events, Jobs, Resources

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**[Homegrown Minneapolis](#)** is a citywide initiative expanding our community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods. Homegrown Minneapolis brings together key partners from local government, area businesses, community organizations, non-profits and residents to build a healthy, local food system.

## News

### September 19: Minneapolis City Council Votes on Farmstand Ordinance Amendments and Food to Alcohol Sales Ratio Ordinance Amendments

Friday, September 19 | Meeting begins 9:30am | Council Chambers, 317 City Hall, 350 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

The Minneapolis City Council is voting on proposed amendments to the Minneapolis [farmstand ordinance](#) (Title 20, Chapter 535, Section 535.360.8). Potential changes that will be considered by the Council include:

- Eliminating the permit requirement for farmstands
- Limiting farmstand operation at community garden sites
- Allowing up to two signs, that meet specifications, during the growing season
- Increasing the number of days a farmstand can operate from 15 to 75
- Increasing allowable farmstand hours of operation from 7 pm to sunset

The City Council is also voting on [amendments to Title 14](#) of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Liquor and Beer, eliminating food to alcohol sales ratios for restaurants that serve alcohol and establishing operating standards for all alcohol establishments.

[View the agenda](#) and [find your councilmember](#).

## Events

### October Food Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 8 | 5-7pm (meeting) | Textile Center, 3000 University Ave SE, Minneapolis ([map](#))

\*\*Optional presentation before the meeting (4:30-4:50pm)

### Save the Date - Homegrown Minneapolis Annual Open House

Wednesday, December 3 | 6-8:30pm | Cedars Hall, 602 University Avenue NE

More details to follow – stay tuned!

## Food Justice Film Night

Friday, September 19 | 7:30-11pm | 2001 Plymouth Avenue North (greenspace next to UROC)

Appetite for Change's Fresh Corners Initiative and Bully Creative Films are hosting a [Food Justice Film Night](#). This event will feature the critically acclaimed documentary "The Garden," about Los Angeles community residents' struggle to grow food to feed their families in the face of big business development interests. Come see this incredible film, enjoy fresh snacks and local veggies, spoken word poetry performances and fun arts activities, and link up with organizations doing food justice work in North Minneapolis. This event is free and open to the public.

## MPS Farm to School BBQ on 9/25

Thursday, Sept. 25 | 5 – 7:30pm | MPS Culinary & Nutrition Center, 812 Plymouth Avenue North

What could be more fun than tasty food, a corn-shucking contest, live farm animals, and hands-on activities for kids? All this and more will be available at MPS Culinary & Nutrition Services's third annual FREE Farm to School Community BBQ! Students, families, staff and community members will have the chance to enjoy a locally-sourced meal, taste samples made by local chefs, learn about community organizations and meet some of the farmers who grow food for our school meals. **Homegrown Minneapolis will have a table at this event.** [Learn more](#) . Contact Callie to volunteer at the event at [school.gardens@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:school.gardens@mpls.k12.mn.us).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MinneHarvest Festival and PRI Resiliency Sessions

Saturday, September 27 | 4-8pm | PRI Cold Climate, 3957 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis

Stop by the Permaculture Research Institute Cold Climate office (The Farmhouse) in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis for an evening of food, community, square dancing and more!

Wednesdays, October 1 and 8 | 5-7pm | PRI Cold Climate, 3957 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis

Join PRI Cold Climate as we dive into a permaculture business modeling session focused around PRI's new strategic direction to support YOU in your path to creating a more healthy, resilient, whole future for yourself and your community! Come with ideas and ready to collaborate. RSVP to [Coordinator@pricoldclimate.org](mailto:Coordinator@pricoldclimate.org)

## Growing Power with Will Allen

*5th annual Regional Training Weekend presented by Women's Environmental Institute*

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 & 28 | 15715 River Road, North Branch, MN 55056

\$275 – [Register online](#)

[Full and Partial Scholarships Available](#) plus [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

## Save the Date – Gardening Matters Community Meal & Gathering

Tuesday, November 11 | 6-8pm | 310 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 204B, Minneapolis

<http://www.gardeningmatters.org/events>

## **Save the Date – Get your Food Licensing Questions Answered!**

Thursday, November 6 | 12:30-4pm | Eight videoconferencing locations (listed below)

What kind of a license do you need if you sell eggs, chickens and pork at a farmers' market? Or if you sell jams and jellies? Or fruits and vegetables? Baked goods? Coffee? Come and get your food licensing questions answered directly from your Health and Agriculture staff. The eight videoconferencing locations are: Bemidji, Duluth, Fergus Falls, Mankato, Marshall, Rochester, St. Cloud, and St. Paul. In addition to learning about the various food licenses that are needed, participants will enjoy a fun hands-on safe food sampling lesson, presented by the University of Minnesota Extension. More details are coming soon! For more information, contact MFMA at [info@mfma.org](mailto:info@mfma.org) or [\(320\) 250-5087](tel:3202505087).

## **Jobs**

### **Gardening Matters Seeks Program Coordinator**

***Applications are due by September 26th. Position is open until filled; preferred start in early November.***

Gardening Matters seeks a Program Coordinator to support their Local Food Resource Hubs and Community Garden Sustainability work. The position will work closely with the Program Director and Executive Director on a small team of staff. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/1qFNqo0>

### **Minnesota DNR Agricultural Policy Liaison**

View at: <https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/View?posting=14DNR000593>

Closing Date: 09/26/2014

### **Seasonal Bottling Position with Bare Honey**

X-mas is almost here, and local beekeeping business Bare Honey needs part-time seasonal help! There is an immediate opening for a self-motivated individual that can work with little supervision in a fast paced environment. **20-25 hours/week, (Mon., Tues., Weds.), Day time shifts (6am - 3pm).** The facility is located in Maplewood. **Send your resume to: [info@barehoney.com](mailto:info@barehoney.com) . Put "bottling position" in the subject line.**

### **Sustainability Conference Internships with Sustainable Farming Association**

Sustainable Farming Association is offering four internship positions for winter, 2014-15, in conjunction with their two February events: The [SFA Annual Conference](#) and the [Midwest Soil Health Summit](#).

More Information: <http://www.sfa-mn.org/sfa-sustainability-conference-internships/>

## Resources

### Business Health and Safety Loan Program

[The Business Health and Safety Loan Program](#) provides financing to: businesses to make minor improvements to achieve health and safety code requirements; businesses participating in the Minneapolis Health Department's Green Business Program; and energy efficient coolers for fresh produce and healthy food for businesses participating in the Minneapolis Health Department's Corner Store program. Eligible improvements include, but are not limited to general repairs, flooring, grease trap installation, floor drains, automatic roof vents, food service equipment such as walk-in coolers, warewashing equipment and cooling equipment, and pollution reduction upgrades as part of the Green Business Program. Loans are up to \$10,000 for a 5 year term at 7% interest. For more information, contact [Daniel Bonilla](#) ([B-TAP](#), City of Minneapolis, 612-673-5232) or [Kris Maritz](#) ([MCCD](#), 612-843-3262).

### Business Technical Assistance Program (B-TAP) and RFP

The Business Technical Assistance Program or B-TAP program was created to provide consulting support to businesses located in the City of Minneapolis. Through B-TAP, the City contracts with local non-profit organizations focused on entrepreneur training and economic development to provide direct services to new and existing small and medium-sized businesses located in Minneapolis. [Program information and service providers.](#)

**B-TAP RFP:** The City is seeking proposals from local non-profit organizations that provide direct technical assistance services to small businesses and microenterprises located in Minneapolis. The total funding available for the Business Technical Assistance Program (B-TAP) in 2013 is \$500,000.00 and we expect to receive multiple proposals. **Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 17, 2014.** View the [RFP](#) and [related information](#). (Click Business Development)

### NEW Commercial Community Kitchen Regulation Guide

Want to scale up from pickle bill sales? Have an idea for a value added product from your farm? Want to start up, or operate in, a commercially licensed community kitchen? Then check out the new Commercial Kitchen Guide. This guide was created to help those interested in starting up, or operating in, a commercially licensed community kitchen understand the regulatory steps required to get started. [http://misadocuments.info/Commercial%20Kitchen\\_press\\_ready-Final.pdf](http://misadocuments.info/Commercial%20Kitchen_press_ready-Final.pdf)

### Local Food News You Can Use

In her new newsletter, Jane Shey highlights the new agriculture project crowdsourcing site [Barnraiser](#), the [Garbage to Garden](#) program in Portland, OR, and the [Tootie and Dotes](#) website. Contact [Jane Shey](#) to join her newsletter list or [check it out here](#).

### 40 Maps that Explain Food in America

"Where our food comes from and how we eat it"  
<http://www.vox.com/a/explain-food-america>

## Upcoming NCR-SARE grant deadlines

The North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) currently has four calls for proposals out. You can find more information about SARE grants at <http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants>

## New scholarships available for Minnesota's beginning farmers

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is launching a new Farm Business Management (FBM) scholarship program for beginning farmers. Minnesota residents who have farmed less than 10 years can receive scholarships for half the cost of enrolling in FBM education. Scholarship recipients must: have a financial interest in the farm; participate in making some or all management decisions; and participate in the operation of the farm on a regular basis. For more information or to find an FBM program/instructor near you, visit [www.mda.state.mn.us/fbm](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/fbm) (click on "[Beginning Farmer FBM Scholarships](#)" in the LEARN MORE box) or call 651-201-6012.

## Hennepin County Green Partners Environmental Education Program

The Hennepin County Green Partners Program provides resources, training, and funding to organizations for projects that empower residents to reduce waste, recycle, reduce household waste and climate change pollution, and improve air and water quality. **Root and Branch proposals are due by 5pm on October 15, 2014.** For applications, instructions, and information visit [www.hennepin.us/greenpartners](http://www.hennepin.us/greenpartners).

**We need to grow the local food movement! Forward this newsletter to your friends or post the link to Homegrown Minneapolis on Facebook. Let us know if you have an event or resource to share with the community.**

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/homegrown>

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